

"I thought you said you were coming in today." At three in the morning, I asked here. There she was lying a bed near a window and that it was, before daylight, did not register on her. So much for her state of mind, ^{and ~~her~~ medication,} fine as her spirit is.

For some months before she felt she was having trouble walking and regularly I took her to ~~the~~ p.t., which was denied me by my heart doctor, locally.

Or, this more difficult ~~part~~ period is months old now.

Ordinarily, up at 2, shortly thereafter I'd have gone out for the a.m. paper that is usually here by 2, but with the ^(w) weather forecast and the little air that infiltrates when there is a strong wind I did not risk the wind-chill, short a ^(s) distance as it is to the car. I have to later when I must get some medicines I ordered Thursday and then forget to go get. That can mean a problem because the closest parking space, and the closest ^(d) are always taken, is about 75 feet from the entrance. At the hospital it may mean 200 feet. Risky for me.

Yet I do want to go there more than usual because in the morning a friend will drive me to Johns Hopkins for examination by a nephrologist there who examines on Monday's and operates on Fridays. That I got an appointment on the first day ~~after~~ he examines after the request was made seems to me to reflect urgency or someone using some pull. Then I realized that I have an appointment the next day, Tuesday, with the cardiologist there. The trip alone times me for several days so the friend who is driving me ^{will take me earlier,} so I do not want that extra tiredness before whatever form of surgery there will be. We are going to leave earlier tomorrow morning on the off chance that the cardiologist is not teaching then and can see me and is willing to or to cancel the appointment and just wait to be examined. That will make a longer and a more tiring day of it.

With all this rambling I get to the point: There is no rush for getting a copy of the mg. to me because it will be at least a week before I can get to it, assuming they ~~will~~ operate Friday. Then there is the problem that there would not be anyone here to accept it, what I had not thought of. So I think it will be best to send ~~it~~ it to me by sending it to Jerry.

When I say no rush I mean not to use the more costly form of shipping but I think not using the post office, if that is what you used last time. There has been some trouble with it with you have spent in the past, long delays, and with some of what ^{Some never get here,} Dave has sent. And however you do it, thanks in advance.

If I have given you the impression that I fail to appreciate the great amount of work you are going for me and I think for the country, I am sorry. I do very much appreciate it and Dave and Jerry ^{and Bill} can ~~with~~ tell you how I've wondered that you could find the time and then were so generous with it. It has made a vast difference especially in what in the future will be legible and easier to under-

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Please believe me, I, and more than I, appreciate this very much.

Best,

David

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